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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and ensuing remarks are responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed 3 December 2002, due for a response on 3 March 2003. Please enter the following amendments to the Specification, Claims and Drawings.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace old claim 9 with the following: